Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is he permitted to engage Counsel to argue before the Special Officer ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—He is permitted to argue and also . . . . . .

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is he permitted to engage a Counsel to argue his case ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—No.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Why ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—That is left to the discretion of the officer.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it not a fact that many officers have lost their cases because they are not conversant with law ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I do not think so.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Are the Government aware that certified copies of depositions are not being given when applied for ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I will enquire. Notice.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The purpose for which this department is established is to avoid delays and expense and yet do justice.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it a fact on many occasions there will be alterations in the depositions against the interests of the accused ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—No.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Then, under what provision of law charges are being framed against the delinquent ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Under the Anti-Corruption Act and the standing orders and rules.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Will they be pleased to quote the relevant sections ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Reference has been made to it in answer to some question.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it not a fact that the files are dumped by the Special Officer direct to the Minister and not through the Secretary ? Is it the practice in the Government to get the file direct from the officer and not through the Secretary ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—That is the procedure followed.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it so in all cases or only in this particular case ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—That is because if the Special Officer recommends punishment we will have to consult the Public Service Commission according to the constitution. Therefore, to minimise delay, files are submitted direct to the Minister and then the concerned Minister refers the file to the Public Service Commission.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—In the interest of justice, will the Government consider appointing an administrative tribunal, as in Madras, to try the officers ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I do not think there is any need for a tribunal of that type here.

Irrigation Development in Yelandur Taluk.

Q.—304. Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Yelandur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether a consolidated estimate has been prepared for the development of irrigation in Yelandur Taluk ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

A programme of works costing Rs. 9.9 lakhs has been prepared.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Has the programme been approved by the Government ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Not the entire programme. Generally we take up works contained in the programme.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Are the Government aware that there is a good number of tanks in Yelandur Taluk ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Yes.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Are they also aware that these tanks are without repairs and neglected for a long time ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—That is so in almost all taluks.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is why the programme of works is prepared.

Railway line fencing from Bangalore City to Yeshavanthapur.

Q.—641. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the accidents caused to the persons and cattle on the railway line due to the railway traffic from Bangalore City Railway Station to Yeswanthpur Station, have come to their notice ;

(*d*) if so, whether they have brought to the notice of the railway department the necessity of erecting a compound or fencing on both sides of the railway line running from Bangalore Railway Station to Yeswanthpur Station ; if not whether they would urge the authorities either to erect a compound or a fence ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—'ಎ' ಭಾಗದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ 'ಇಲ್ಲ' ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರಕೊಟ್ಟ, 'ಬಿ' ಭಾಗದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ, 'ಎ' ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಉತ್ತರದ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತ ಇದು ಉದ್ಭವವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿ ರೈಲ್ವೆಸ್ಟೇಷನ್‌ನಿಂದ ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್‌ವರೆಗೆ ಜನ ಜಾನುವಾರುಗಳ ಸಂಚಾರ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅಪಾಯಗಳು ಸಂಭವಿಸಿದ ಹಾಗೆ ಆ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಲೈನಿನ ಎರಡು ಪಕ್ಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಬೇಲಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—Accidents ಆಗಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬಂದರೆ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ನಾನೇ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಬರೆದು ಈ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರಿಗೆ ಬರೆದು ಆ ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಲಿ ಹಾಕಿಸುವ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ನಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ನಾವು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

House Rent Allowance to Non-Gazetted Officials.

Q.—259. Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI (Kolar Gold Fields — Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether it is possible to grant a suitable amount as house rent allowance to the non-gazetted officials in the State ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

House Rent Allownace is being granted to certain classes of officials working in the essential departments like Medical, Police, etc., wherever rent-free quarters are not provided.

The grant of House Rent Allowance to all the Non-Gazetted officials in the State is not possible in view of the present financial position.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—Will it be possible for them to inform what would be the financial commitment on this account ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It all depends on how much increase is proposed to be given. If the Hon'ble Member tells me what increase he proposes to be given, I will give him the calculation.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—Will it be possible for the Government to build individual houses and provide them for the non-gazetted officials ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—We propose to build houses for our non-gazetted officials also. Government want to take up a scheme called Housing Board Scheme ; but whether we will be in a position to give them